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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR SBC PETITIONS FOR PRICING FLEXIBILITY FOR DEDICATED TRANSPORT AND SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES

Petition of the Ameritech Operating Companies – WCB/Pricing 05-14 Petition of Southern New England Telephone Company – WCB/Pricing 05-15 Petition of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company – WCB/Pricing 05-16

COMMENTS: March 7, 2005

REPLY COMMENTS: March 17, 2005

On February 18, 2005, Ameritech Operating Companies (Ameritech), Southern New England Telephone Company (SNET), and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) (collectively SBC) filed petitions for pricing flexibility for certain dedicated transport and special access services in several designated geographic areas pursuant to sections 1.774 and 69.701 et seq. of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.774 and 69.701 et seq. The petitions are available for review through the Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS). Comments or oppositions may be filed no later than March 7, 2005. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to file comments electronically through ETFS, although they are not required to do so. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(e)(2)(i). The ETFS provides instructions for filing both public and confidential versions of comments, and, if interested parties require additional assistance, they may call the ETFS Information Line at (202) 418-7700. Parties electing to file comments through a method other than ETFS must file such comments in accordance with section 1.774(e)(2)(ii) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(e)(2)(ii). In addition, SBC may file a reply no later than March 17, 2005, 10 days after the deadline for comments or oppositions, 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(d). Any such reply must be filed through ETFS, 47 C.F.R. 1.774(e)(3). For additional information about the filing and service of comments and replies, see sections 1.774(c)-(e) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.774(c)-(e). Paper filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive handdelivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002.

- The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners.
- Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.

¹ The Commission's rules require that comments or oppositions be filed 15 days after the petition is filed. 47 C.F.R. § 1.744(c). In this case, the fifteenth day falls on March 5, 2005, a Saturday, thus comments or oppositions are due on Monday, March 7, 2005. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.4(j).

- U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.
- All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

As specified in section 1.774(e)(2)(ii), if parties file an opposition or comments other than through ETFS, they should also file one copy with the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, e-mail fcc@bcpiweb.com, or via its website at http://www.bcpiweb.com. Documents filed in this proceeding will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Commission's Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554.

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This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

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